(i) For improving functioning of TPDS machinery, continuous reviews of lists of BPL and AAY families, door step delivery of foodgrains to fair price shops, timely availability of foodgrains at fair price shops and training of staff as well as vigilance committee members are being emphasized.

(ii) For greater transparency in functioning of TPDS, display of lists of BPL and AAY families at fair price shops, display of allocated quantities on web sites, adoption and implementation of revised Citizens Charter, monthly certification of delivery of foodgrains to fair price shops and their distribution to ration card holders, and taking up publicity-cum-awareness campaign have been initiated.

(iii) Improved vigilance at various levels and strict penal action against those involved in malpractices, including action against staff responsible for issuing ineligible ration cards and persons found in possession of such ration cards are being emphasized.

(iv) Introduction of new technologies such as Computerization of TPDS operation at various levels, smart-card-based delivery of essential commodities, use of global positioning system on vehicles transporting TPDS commodities and bar coding of ration cards etc. is being piloted.

As can be seen, required legal and institutional framework has been put in place. However, efficient operation of TPDS depends on capacity of the machinery managing it. Therefore, it may be stated that the deficiencies noticed in implementation of TPDS seem to be more because of shortcomings in the machinery.

Procurement of foodgrains

†41. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of rice and wheat production in the year 2007-08;

(b) the quantity of wheat and rice procured, so far, this year at minimum support price along with the details thereof; State-wise and grain-wise;

(c) whether the foodgrains purchased at this support price would be adequate to fulfil the demand for the year 2008-09; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to import wheat and rice this year and if so, the names of the countries from where the same has to be imported and at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per the 4th Advance Estimate of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the estimated production of rice and wheat in the crop year 2007-08 is 96.43 million tonnes and 78.40 million tonnes respectively.

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(b) The procurement of wheat and rice by Government agencies (Food Corporation of India and State agencies) for the Central Pool in RMS 2008-09 and KMS 2008-09 is at Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

(A) State-wise procurement of wheat in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09

(In lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of State	2008-09
1.	Punjab	99.39
2.	Haryana	52.31
3.	U.P.	31.37
4.	Rajasthan	9.35
5.	Chandigarh	0.10
6.	Delhi	0.06
7.	H.P.	Neg.
8.	M.P.	24.09
9.	Gujarat	4.15
10.	Bihar	4.99
11.	Uttarakhand	0.84
12.	Chhattisgarh	-
	TOTAL :	226.82

(B) State- wise procurement of rice in Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09 (Oct.-Sept.)

(In lakh tonnes)

States/ U.T.	2008-09 *
1	2
A&N Islands	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	31.65
Assam	0.01
Bihar	2.82
Chandigarh	0.09
Chhattisgarh	22.47
Haryana	13.99

1	2
Jammu and Kashmir	0.01
Jharkhand	0.23
Karnataka	0.8
Kerala	0.69
Madhya Pradesh	1.25
Maharashtra	1.38
Orissa	11.83
Pondicherry	0.02
Punjab	82.50
Rajasthan	0.1\
Tamil Nadu	4.16
Uttar Pradesh	30.19
Uttaranchal	2.26
West Bengal	5.83
All India Total	212.25

As on 6.2.2009.

*The figures include paddy in terms of rice.

Reduction in BPL/APL quota for Uttarakhand

†42. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantity of foodgrains being supplied under the Public Distribution System to families living Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line in Uttarakhand has been reduced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantity of wheat, sugar, kerosene oil being supplied under the Public Distribution System to the State of Uttarakhand by Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made @ 35 kg per family per month for all accepted numbers of BPL and AAY families for all the States/UTs, including the State of Uttarakhand, on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission, projected on the population

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